**Mr. I. Raman Menon.**—Necessary provision is made in the Panchayat Programme of works for 1106. The work will be taken up for execution next year.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Has provision been made for the whole road or only a portion of it?

**Mr. I. Raman Menon.**—For the whole road.

## Damage to crops by wild elephants.

**59. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received complaints from cultivators about the damage done to crops by wild elephants;

(2) if the answer is in the affirmative (a) the number of such petitions, (b) the places from which the complaints received;

(c) the extent of the damage done to crops;

(d) what steps, if any, the Government has taken to remove this nuisance and danger to crops?

**Mr. K. Ramuuni Menon.**—(1) Yes.

(2) (a) Three.

(b) 1. Velanganur.
2. Palapilli (Echipara)
3. Nelliampathies.

(c) Nothing worth mention.

(d) First of all there is no nuisance at all in this matter. The ryots who hazard to carry on cultivation on the out-skirts of forests have necessarily to put up with the occasional visits of the denizens of such forests. However some elephant pits have been dug at Velanganur to keep at least the wild elephants in check.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.**—In answer to (c), they say that there is no damage worth mentioning. Did they make any enquiries in that matter?

**Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.**—Yes.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Have they got the report?

**Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.**—It was only a local inspection.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—May I know who made the inspection?

**Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.**—The Northern Divisional Forest Officer.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—And the places he inspected?

**Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.**—Velanganur side.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Do all these petitions relate to Velanganur side only?

**Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.**—There is only one petition about the crops, and that is Velanganur.

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**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Are the ryots allowed to shoot the elephants?

**Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.**—No.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Are they allowed to shoot wild animals?

**Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.**—Not within the reserve forests. But in assigned lands they can.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—May I know which are the places likely to be affected by elephants in the Cochin State?

**Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.**—I cannot say; it is a very large extent.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Any rough idea?

**Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.**—The assigned lands extend to so many hundreds of miles, I cannot say exactly or roughly.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Whether there was any trouble to crops from the elephants before the Government stopped the catching of elephants?

**Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.**—There used to be occasional complaints.

### Dr. M. J. Ittoop, General Hospital.

60. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether enquiries were made regarding the remarks of the Sub-Judge of British Cochin Sub-Court about Doctor M. J. Ittoop of the Ernakulam Hospital "That he is not worth the salt he is eating"; if so what was the result of the enquiry?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—Necessary enquiries are being made.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—When was this report made to the Government?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—A few months ago.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—How many months?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—A few months, about four or five.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Was a similar question asked in this Council in one of its previous sessions?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—I don't remember exactly.

**President.**—There might be. I remember some such question was put here.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—I want to know whether a similar answer was given then also.

**President.**—The thing is Government could not come to a decision without getting copies of the depositions, and we have asked the Agent to the Governor-General to furnish us with copies of the depositions, and I think one or two days ago they were received, and there won't be any further delay in disposing of the matter.

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